

REMARKS

The specification has been amended by editing the second paragraph in the Related Art section to improve clarity. The specification has also been amended by adding a reference to a provisional application entitled "Receive-Side Packet Processing System" in the Related Applications section. The provisional application is being filed concurrently with the present application.

Applicant believes no additional fees are due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fees are in fact due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Howrey Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Howrey Dkt. No. 02453.0033.NPUS00.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWREY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE LLP



Robert C. Laurenson
Reg. No. 34,206

Date: March 30, 2004

HOWREY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE, LLP
301 Ravenswood Avenue, Box 34
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Fax No. (650) 463-8400
Telephone No. (949) 759-5269